

Romans 1:2~4

The “*Gospel of God...*” I can’t begin to tell you how excited I am, as we begin to enter the study of this wonderful epistle, of Paul’s letter to the Romans. This entire letter is a definition, or an explanation of “*The Gospel of God!*”

These first 7 verses can be broken down into 5 sections...

(Vs 1)	Speaks to the “ <i>Preacher of the Gospel...</i> ”	The Apostle <i>Paul...</i>
(Vs 2)	Speaks to the “ <i>Promise of the Gospel...</i> ”	The <i>Holy Scriptures...</i>
(Vs 3~4)	Speaks to the “ <i>Person of the Gospel...</i> ”	The Lord <i>Jesus Christ...</i>
(Vs 5)	Speaks to the “ <i>Power of the Gospel...</i> ”	The <i>Grace</i> of God...
(Vs 6~7)	Speaks to the “ <i>People of the Gospel...</i> ”	The <i>Saints...</i> The <u>Church...</u>

Paul spends 16 chapters, expounding on these first 7 verses, these 5 different sections. And he will do so with great detail! I can’t encourage you enough, not to miss even one of these messages... If you have to miss, ask for a DVD. This study is that important!

By the time we are finished with this study, you will have a clear and more importantly, a “*biblical understanding*” of the “*Gospel of God!*”

It is extremely important that you understand and trust in *the Jesus of the Bible!*

Today we are seeing what Paul spoke of in 2Corinthians 11...

³*But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtlety, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴For if he that cometh preaches another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

Beloved, there is “*Only One True Gospel of God!*” And it contains the “Power of God” to save and change the lives of those who receive it! But Satan and his servants have launched an all out war to distort “*The True Gospel of God!*”

I’m sure that most of you are aware, of what took place this past Monday in The United Church of Christ. It’s governing body, voted to approve a “*resolution*” endorsing same-sex marriage. (*State clearly, this is not speaking for all church of Christ... But I will say this, if I were a part of that denomination...I’d change by name to separate all affiliation with them...*)

What those leaders saw Monday as a “*victory...*” really just manifest their “*Spiritual Blindness*” and *Deadness!*”

You can quote me on this... “Those leaders may have some “knowledge” of the scriptures... but they don’t “Know Jesus Christ!”

The article says this makes, it the largest “*Christian denomination*” to do so... That’s not a Christian denomination!

Paul declares in verses 5~6, that the “Church” is representatives of the Lord Jesus Christ!

(Vs 5) ⁵*By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:*

And listen, that’s not a Church of the Lord Jesus!

They need to change their name! The United “*Church of Christ...*”

I just want to go on record as saying...

That “**Governing Body**” DOES NOT HAVE A CLUE... what the “*Gospel*” is about!

The “*Good News of God*” is that He has sent “*A Savior*” to save us from our Sin!
... separated unto the gospel of God, ²*(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)* ³Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord...

The Gospel teaches us, that our sins have “Separated” us from God... And the only way to be “reconciled to God” is to be “Separated” from sin! And that’s the “*Good News of God*”... Jesus came to do just that!

There’s not a more precise, or clear explanation of the Gospel than Galatians 1...

(Galatians 1) ³*Grace be to you and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father: ⁵To whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

By “*Endorsing*” their little resolution...they just voted to “*approve sin!*”

They can carry out their little ceremonies, give their little speeches...but they will die in their sin! The only hope any of us have, is our hearts be rescued, saved from sin by Jesus Christ!

Paul goes on to say there, that if any preach any other message...*let them be accursed!*

⁶*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ **unto another gospel:** ⁷Which is not another; (Only one true gospel) *but there be some that trouble you, and **would pervert** the gospel of Christ.**

...pervert the gospel of Christ ...Those who “*distort*” or “*corrupt*” the message!

Such as the “United Church of Christ!” So-called preaches such as “Joel Osteen...” Those who tolerate or avoid the matter of SIN! The true gospel of God is that Jesus came to save sinners! To deliver us from our sin!

Paul says of those who preach such a gospel...

⁸*But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, **let him be accursed.** ⁹As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, **let him be accursed.** ¹⁰For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.*

Any one who does not “*Confront Sin*”, that condones a “Sinful lifestyle”, or avoids the issue of sin is not preaching the gospel! Beloved, SIN is mans problem!

The “*Good News*” is...the “*Savior has come to rescue us...*” that was Paul’s message!

That's why, beginning in verse 18...and continuing all the way through chapter 5, Paul speaks to "**The Problem**"... mans sinfulness. He goes into great detail the "*hopelessness*" condition of mankind! The utter depravity of the human soul! And beloved, this is crucial...because until a man or woman truly understands this, they will never truly come to Jesus Christ!

(Mt. 9) Jesus was speaking to a group of what I call "*Religious folks...*"

¹⁰*And it came to pass, as Jesus sat at meat in the house, behold, many publicans and sinners came and sat down with him and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eats your Master with publicans and sinners? ¹²But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, **They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.** ¹³**But go ye and learn what that means, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.***

You see, some folks don't see depravity! Actually, they see themselves as pretty good folks... They go to church, they try and live right, they treat people fair, they give to the church, etc... These are the very type people Jesus was speaking to. They are not aware of the depths of their sinfulness, thus they seek not a physician.

Jesus told these men... ¹³***But go ye and learn what that means, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice:*** "It's not what you can do for me...it's what I can do for you!"

From 1:18 ~ chapter 5... Paul speaks to "**The Problem...**" Then beginning in chapter 5, Paul offers "**The Solution**"... "**The Good News of God!**" God has a remedy for those who are sick with sin!

Beloved... the "**Church**" is a group of people, who have been "*supernaturally*" delivered from their sin, by the power of a God...

Through a changed heart through the "**Person of the Gospel**"...**Jesus Christ!**

Paul's message... "***Good News people, the Savior is here!***"

²*(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) ³Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, **which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;***

⁴***And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:***

He came into "our world" in the "*form of man...*" God wrapped in flesh and bone... Just like the scriptures prophesied, through the lineage of David! But he wasn't a normal man... He was the sinless son of God... Paul says, that he was "***declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:***

Declared... Greek word, "**Horizidzo**" from where we get our word "Horizon." The "*Horizon*" is the clear, demarcation line between earth and sky... isn't it? And what he is saying is this... There may have been some question, in some people's minds, about whether he was the Son of God, when they looked at his humanness... But the line was drawn in absolute clarity; the horizon between earth and sky is instantly made clear... By His Resurrection from the Dead! As clearly does the horizon divide the earth from the sky, so clearly does the resurrection divide Jesus from the rest of humanity!